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Judges are to interpret the law; not make them. My uncle is a victim of asbestos related disease. He deserves a right to have his case heard in a court of law. I'm dissapointed that you would consider assisting companies with the denial of my right to a trial.

Why should the trial by jury process exist if the supreme court wants to "make law" instead of interpreting law? Corporations as well as the potential victims need their day in court to present all sides of the story and for a jury to decide their culpability.

The fact is that most asbestos cases tried are settled before trial; it's obvious the corporations are looking for a way to absolve themselves of any responsibility for their actions. Now the corporations want you to assist them in their crime. These corporations have the money to make settlements and with one sweep of your pen, you could end a citizens right to settlement.

My question is : "what's in this for you?", "why would you even consider such an idea?". Is there some political payoff in this case?. I ask you to search your heart and consider one day your decision could set a precedent for all citizens to be denied a right to recover damages for illnesses related to the work place.

From the family of a 'victim of asbestos' disease.